

## COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1860.

We have little to report this week beyond the arrival of the "Cobra," 13 days from San Francisco, with the U. S. mail of April 2; and the departure of the last sailing for the outside.

The news from San Francisco is of but little importance. Large section sales of sugar had been effected by Messrs. Morris & Morris, a report of which appears below.

In local trade nothing is doing. Postal sales in the various rooms covering about all that is done. The "Tuske" will get off on Saturday morning, bound for a very light cargo, a few vessels being observed.

By the mail report the protest of \$1000 U. S. Consular bills, drawn at this port, has been made by Messrs. Morris & Morris, a report of which appears below.

**THE PACIFIC COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER.**

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The Ministerial organ having, in not attempting to dispense them, tacitly admitted the correctness of our figures given last week regarding the cost and deficiency of the public printing press, we propose now to show how the government can, without prejudice to any branch of the public interests, make such reforms as greatly to reduce the expense, virtually adding the amount saved to the revenue available for other purposes. One fact must not be lost sight of—that it is much easier to increase the expeditious of that department on its present basis, than to curtail them, and an increase must naturally be expected. We may talk of retrenchment in this as in other departments of the public service, but unless our rulers have the nerve to apply remedies to acknowledged evils, such evils will only become more serious and more difficult to eradicate in each successive year. Now, in offering what suggestions we may make, without professing to any superior knowledge in the premises, we will simply make a fair statement of facts and of the public wants, as they are known to us.

We call the attention of some of the enterprising dealers of this port, or of San Francisco, who are essentially small men, to the fact that they are essentially a small people, which has to be admitted in the first place. We understand our supplies are principally from Washington Territory, with occasionally a few load from the Sandwich Islands. In the case of the meat, which, from experience, we can speak of as being very inferior, as well as full of bones. Care and inspection of the meat, however, is the best way to insure quality, while motion keeps from 50 to 75 cents, and for many weeks there have been no meat sales at all. This is held to be the reason why the meat is so bad. For even when the meat is good, it is not always in season of construction into the different articles of food. Let me repeat, however, that we have seen no meat sold as far as we could get through these, which will be removed as soon as we get roads through them, by which to get meat from market at all seasons. The stock is present on the Island of a very inferior description.

The following relating to changes in the import-export figures at Tahiti may be worth publishing. We copy it from the "Aita." After having tried every mode of legislation, the French Government, after long legal delays, at last, if possible, got the act revised, and the new law has descended upon the native race. With these laws both have had a fair trial, and they find, as every other nation has, that a restrictive policy is the only one which can prevent the welfare of the native race.

**TAXES ON TAXES.**—We learn from Tahiti that the recent law, which taxes the French citizens who reside there, as well as foreigners, as exceedingly onerous, and detrimental to the interests of trade, particularly as they were intended to be applied to the natives, was repealed after February 1st, 1860. For the information of parties trading to that direction, we annex a list of the principal taxes on spirits, wine, tobacco, tea, coffee, and other articles.

**MARSHAL ISLANDS.**—We learn from Spanish papers, dated March 20, that the British Consulate has despatched a naval force, with a fair trial, and they find, as every other nation has, that a restrictive policy is the only one which can prevent the welfare of the native race.

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**NEW BEDFORD OIL MARKET.**

We notice further inquiry for sperm. The transactions for the week include sales of \$12500. We quote—\$800 per cwt. for experts, in pairs, at 125 lbs. per gallon; and \$1200 per cwt. for novices, in pairs, at 125 lbs. per gallon.

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